

# GAMMA ETA NEWSLETTER

*Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*



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## Donna's Dialogue

By: President Donna Anderson

*Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape. –Barbara Johnson*

Educators are champions at being flexible. We are able to change our plans at any given moment. Likewise in our Gamma Eta chapter, we are changing our meeting plans to Monday night instead of the Saturday meeting we had scheduled. We will go with the flow and have an awesome time together.

Hurray!!! The deadline for the annual reports has been met. All the reports were mailed in plenty of time to reach their intended destination. Thank you to everyone for coming early to help fill out the reports.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Alpha State,  
Texas  
Gamma Eta  
Chapter  
Chapter 79  
Area XII  
Including:  
Cottle, Crosby,  
Dickens, Motley,  
Kent, and King Counties



February  
HOSTESS GROUP:  
SPUR A

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### NEXT MEETING

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**Meeting Day & Time  
CORRECTION! See below:**

**When: Monday, February 6, 2012  
5:30 p.m.**

**What: Chapter Meeting**

**Where: Spur First United Methodist Church**

**Program: "Give Me 5!"**

**Hostess Group: Spur A**

**Greeter: Patsy Weems**

**Icebreaker: Merla Watson**

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Give Me What??



On 1/9/12 Gamma Eta members had lots of fun tending to DKG paperwork and supping on soup, salad, and dessert, while meeting a new friend, Valery Nikitina. Valery shared her home of Perm, Russia via her lovely voice and guitar, as well as her Power Point.



Patsy's Delicious Soup!!!

We also admired Ruby Cook's cross-stitched ribbon of DKG pins.





### Minutes of Gamma Eta Chapter Meeting 1/9/12 By: Lindy Stafford

The Gamma Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m. on January 9, 2012 at Crosbyton Middle School. Fourteen members attended. A delicious meal was served to those present.

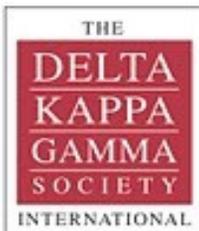
The minutes were approved as written, and the treasurer gave her report. Members who headed committees met before the meeting began to complete reports which were due in January.

Because of the special program, a business meeting was not held. Valerie Nikitina, an exchange student from Russia, gave a very special program. Valerie is a 17-year-old student who is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Ralls High School. Her experiences in America and the differences in her life here and in Russia and her vivid presentation of life as an exchange student captivated her audience. She gave a wonderful program that we all enjoyed.

The meeting was adjourned after the program.

### Patsy's Delicious Soup (see photo at left)

Brown 1 lb of hamburger meat with onion. Season to taste with salt, black pepper, and cumin. Drain the meat before adding the beans, corn, tomatoes. Add one can of pinto beans, 1 can of corn, 1 can of Rotel tomatoes, and 1 small loaf of Velveeta cheese. You can also use chicken instead hamburger meat. Just heat through and enjoy with tortilla chips, tortillas, and other toppings...Patsy Weems



FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

**DON'T FORGET to wear your pin to each meeting!**

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**Janie Wigley sent this article to help us all get started choosing our FIVE WORDS for our next meeting. We will video each Gamma Eta member there, giving short lists of FIVE WORDS per member with explanations of how/why they mean so much. For more information, please read the article below to help you begin your word search! We plan to do this activity at our NEXT meeting, February 6th.**

**Membership Spotlight Volume 4 Issue 1  
Give Me 5 – What does DKG mean to you?**

When you reflect on your membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, what words come to mind? The Society vocabulary we all associate with our organization are words like *key women educators, worldwide, professional, excellence, education,* and many more. Maybe some of these terms define your membership, and it's possible that some of your words are different and more personal. We want to hear your words.

One of our projects for this biennium is to create and distribute a compilation video of what DKG means to Texas members. We invite you to take some time at a meeting this spring to video-record different members in your chapter telling us their 5 words. You may want to tell members ahead and set a date for this project. It's interesting how hard it can be to choose the right 5 words!

Have each member say their name and chapter then hold up their words and tell us about them. Each segment should last about 1 minute. Please send the videos to Connie by May 1st. We plan to showcase our compilation at convention this summer.

**So Gamma Eta Girls,  
Come prepared with your best 5 and a great smile. I can't wait until I hear your 5**

**words!!** 😊 Janie

# GAMMA ETA NEWS



## Our Tribute to...

...Madeleine Stanford who recently passed away will be held at our next meeting (Monday, Feb. 6). We will have a special ceremony remembering our dear friend whose contributions to Gamma Eta and Delta Kappa Gamma meant so much to so many. Merla Watson and Patsy Weems are working out the details for the Tribute, so please make a special effort to attend our meeting. Thanks!

## Our Plans to...

...meet together on Monday have changed. First, we had originally planned a Saturday meeting which now has been moved to our usual Monday meeting. Also, you will notice that our program of "Give Me Five" is a great idea to participate with other chapters across Delta Kappa Gamma. These great video clips and words of each of us will join with many others at Convention this summer. As for our original program, perhaps we will later enjoy a visit from Sue Bathe of Houston, but for now, we KNOW we will have a super time describing our fabulous Delta Kappa Gamma on Monday. Won't this be great fun?



## Our Need for News to...

...all of you Gamma Eta members who may have recently retired. We need to know who you are, what plans you have, your favorite school memory, and your new email addresses since leaving school. Please send your information to me by email or snail-mail. Thanks!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...** 🎵

**our Gamma Eta FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY WOMEN!**

12th. **Becky McGalliard**  
14th. **Debbi Ball**  
28th. **Donna Anderson**